

From: Soupson52@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 1:25 AM
Subject: Fwd giving up our airwaves

In a message dated 5/2/2003 10:08:43 PM Pacific Daylight Time, Soupson52 writes

Dear Sir,
I am horrified at the idea that you would vote to put our airwaves in the hands of only a few. I believe it would be detrimental to the freedom we profess to love. I base my opinion on my recent experience of watching the war with Iraq as it unfolded on the various channels. The experiences on CNN and FOX were so different, one telling the experience as their reporters tried to view it with an open mind and the other limiting its vision according to what I can only guess was the vision of its management. I am humbled at the possibility of getting my news through the eyes of FOX. What a sad day for freedom when we choose to do no better than the Al Jazeera network we profess to scorn for its onesided offerings.

Please stop the madness and summon every ounce of your integrity and goodwill when you vote.

Thank you for your time.

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CC: Michael Copps, kimweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein

From: the Daltons
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 1 38 AM
Subject: June 2 meeting

Dear Commissioner Powell,

This is to express to you my concern for the changes being considered at your June 2 meeting. The free flow of information and divergent view points are fundamental to a healthy democracy. Taking any action that allows a further consolidation of media outlets (businesses) will be detrimental the very core of our nation, its democratic freedom. Is it any wonder the mainstream media are not covering the changes you are considering? Big business does not look out for the public's best interests and must be held in check. The FCC must protect the public's airwaves.

If any action is in order, it should be to strengthen restriction on the ownership of multiple media outlets.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Dalton

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Zoe Newman
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 1:39 AM
Subject: FCC media deregulation

Dear Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy,

As an American concerned about our democracy, and the freeness of the media and news essential to a democracy, I urge you to oppose media deregulation

Thank you

Sincerely,

Tina Zoe Newman
Albany, CA

From: Kevin Corstange
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 1:41 AM
Subject: June 2 Ruling

Based on comments you've made in the past, it seems your interest in the opinion of people such as myself - the general public - is very little. However, I'm going to offer it to you anyway. And I believe that my opinion is one that a great many people share - or would share, if you bothered to inform them about your upcoming ruling.

I believe the only way a true democracy can exist is if the sources of information are diverse and expected to serve the basic public interests. Whenever the sources of media are allowed to conglomerate in the hands of a few (whether a few people or a few corporations) democracy loses and special interests win. Special interests have been winning a great deal lately, it seems, and we, the democracy, have been losing. Rather than using the Internet, satellite and cable as excuses to deregulate the airwaves and newspapers, you should be considering ways of regulating access to the Internet so that it remains diverse and in the public's interest. You contend that media outlets are now limitless and, as a result, regulation as it exists is unnecessary. While that's a pretty theory, the reality, as you know, is that the means of accessing these new 'outlets' is very limited and controlled by a very few corporations. Also, all of these new outlets cost money to access, whether it's cable, satellite or the Internet, making the airwaves and their diversity even more valuable to those without great means.

I realize you were probably appointed to this position by the administration specifically to deregulate this industry, so my opinion and the opinion of the general public truly doesn't mean a hill of beans to you. But, I urge you to consider whether you truly want to live in a world where the only information or news you get is what a few corporate conglomerates want you to hear. Already there is a startling lack of real news coverage. Deregulating things further will only make it worse. And while the theory of deregulation is that, eventually, diversity will reign, it could take many decades for that to happen, if it happens at all, and the amount of damage even 10 years of consolidated informational power can do to this country is something I can't imagine you want history to place on your head. I, for one, will hold you and your commissioners personally responsible, Chairman Powell.

Commissioner Copps, thank you for attempting to inform us of this upcoming ruling. It's nice to know someone in the government still believes public service is meant to serve the public's interests - and the only way to know what those interests are is to ask us.

Kevin Corstange, general public

From: Jim Larson
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 1:45 AM
Subject: consolidation of news media

Chairman Powell,

I am extremely concerned about the tremendous consolidation of news media outlets in the hands of a few corporations and am now alarmed at the potential to increase that rush to ownership beyond one-third of the market. Just think, please. Ownership of one-third of the marketplace of ideas is outrageous, untenable. How can the commission even consider allowing that percentage to increase? You should be thinking of ways to decrease the number of outlets one corporation and all its subsidiaries can control. I agree with those who say any further increases in that privilege will be the end of democracy. That isn't a far-fetched outlook. Look at the silencing of debate that took place before the Iraq war. We are already at risk.

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From: Joe Quintana
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 1 50 AM
Subject: FCC's broadcast media ownership

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

Joe Quintana

From: Peter B Collins/home office
To: Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 1 51 AM
Subject: Delay deregulation!

Commissioners,

I appreciate the efforts of Mr Copps and Mr Adelstein to gather public comments on the expected June 2 deregulation measures

All of the comments I heard--Columbia, San Francisco, USC--indicate that irreparable damage to the public interest will occur if you further relax the ownership limits and crossownership rules

I respectfully request that you do your duty, and value the public interest in diversity of voices--not just outlets--over the business interests of the media conglomerates. You must study these issues further, and delay the action the Chairman proposes for June 2

Thank you for your consideration

Peter B Collins
San Anselmo, California

From: Dianna Garrett
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 1 58 AM
Subject: consolidation of media

Dear Chairman Powell,

I just watched your interview on Bill Moyers' NOW. Thank you so much for taking the time to do this interview and letting us all know what we can do to communicate our concerns about the potential consolidation of Media.

Corporations have an alarming amount of power in this country. I firmly believe that a diverse media, where citizens can practice and hear a free and open exchange of ideas, is essential for the health of our democracy and our ability to hold corporations as accountable as possible. This country was built on dissent and the right to freedom of opinions and speech.

In the last few years, there has been an ominous move to conformity in our nation. When the Dixie Chicks - or other artists who speak an opinion that is divergent from the current administration's - are deprived of air time and therefore income, something is wrong with our media.

Please defend the good of the public - who own the air waves - and don't allow the large corporations to dominate our media and deprive us of the information and divergent views we need.

Thank you for your time and attention.

--- Dianna Garrett
--- Oakland, California

From: Ronald Whitney
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 2:02 AM
Subject: STOP MEDIA CONSOLIDATION!

STOP MEDIA CONSOLIDATION!

You serve to protect the public good, not corporate power! Stand up for democracy

Do not deregulate the radio airwaves. In fact, return to the stricter standards that existed for both radio and TV before 1996. Principles such as free and diverse information access do not need to be "updated." Already we are feeling the negative affects of media consolidation. The Internet is not sufficient to counter the restrictions imposed by limited diversity. Not every one has access to the Internet. And by relying on it to supply diverse information, we are in saying that not everyone is entitled to diverse information.

From: ken meece
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 2:17 AM
Subject: "Measure twice, Cut once"

Please, let's slow down! the decision regarding ownership of media merits careful review, much dialogue and debate -- and the time that takes. The purpose of taking the time it takes, and doing the communications it takes, to think this through is simply a good decision. What could be the purpose of rushing forward, and limiting the education of the public?

The old rule in carpentry applies well "measure twice, cut once". In this case we must "Think Twice."

Please, this is your solemn duty

Ken Meece

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From: Edwin Crayton
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 2:36 AM
Subject: Don't allow the media to be controlled by the rich and powerful It's bad for America

-- Edwin Crayton
-- edwinningsv@earthlink.net
-- EarthLink The #1 provider of the Real Internet

Dear Sir,

I have just heard something that really bothers me. I hear that you're about to vote on whether to let some companies own 33% of the media. That's plain scary. America can't continue to be free if we allow the airwaves to be controlled by a few of the rich. Also, businesses will make decisions based on what makes money, not what is in the best interest of the people. Please don't allow a monopoly.

God bless you,

Edwin Crayton

From: Edwin Crayton
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 2:44 AM
Subject: Dont let a few monopolize the media

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Dear Sir,

I've just heard a disturbing news story that said that your commission is about to vote on whether to allow some companies to own 33% of the media. Allowing the rich and powerful to control our media is very dangerous to what makes America free. It will lead to the loss of freedom of speech. It will also lead to trashier, sicker television and radio because companies will do what it takes to make a buck. They don't care about the public. Their job is to make money and many don't care how they do so. That's why we need an FCC in the first place to watch out for the tricks of those who would put their interest above the public's and do it harm. Don't let people monopolize the media.

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From: Edwin Crayton
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 2:45 AM
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From: Edwin Crayton
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 2:46 AM
Subject: Don't Let A Few Rich People Monopolize The Media

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From: Anton Grambihler
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 2:54 AM
Subject: Limit the SIZE of the Media

Hi

The USA Public needs a law which limits the size of the media. It needs to be more strict than the monopoly laws for other businesses. As a minimum this law needs to do the following:

1. Eliminate all overlap in media ownership
2. Media ownership shall not be allowed to extend across state boundaries

Have a good day

Tony

Anton Grambihler
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From: R Standingbear
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 2:54 AM
Subject: concerned citizen

It is both the responsibility and public mandate of the FCC to insure that media serves the collective benefit of the 'people'. We are not benefited when an issue as important as the FCC's recent decision to review/change media ownership rules occurs and the only major broadcaster to report this (ABC) does so at 4:40 am. I'd say this is a 'case in point'. Even a superficial look at what media consolidation to date has actually done to 1) objectivity 2) unbiased reporting of events 3) diversity of views 4) stating the simple TRUTH, reveals that allowing further sabotage on public media ownership/control is a huge mistake.

Referring to the not so hidden attempt by the corporate agenda to control the public media, commissioner Copps stated, "it also has some profound democratic and social and political considerations that we ignore only at our own tremendous peril." In my opinion, his words are an understatement. I am totally opposed to ANY deregulation of the FCC's current standards. If anything these ought to be more stringently written and enforced. The corporate grab has already managed to manipulate and work around existing regulations. Those of us who pay attention have watched this not so hidden corporate power grab for the last decade and we are outraged!

It is the function of the FCC to support and protect the public good not the profit-driven corporations and power-driven political interests.

From: PMRovegno@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjimweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 3:18 AM
Subject: June 2nd FCC decision - NO on media ownership consolidation

Dear Commissioners

Please do not allow even more concentration of power in the hands of a few media conglomerates. If anything, restore the ownership restrictions you had in the 90's.

Relaxing the media ownership restrictions will be terrible for democracy. A citizenry cannot make informed choices when our information is controlled by owners who have profit, not the public welfare, at heart. Put the public back in the public airways.

To even consider such relaxations with so little public input is an abrogation of your responsibility. Isn't it a little curious to you that the media has given so little coverage to such a far-reaching and important decision? Very few people know about this purported change of rules.

Please protect our right to know. Please protect us all from media ownership concentration.

Pat Rovegno
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From: Simone Forti
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 3:25 AM
Subject: proposed RULE CHANGES

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,

Democracy needs diversified media. As a concerned citizen I urge you to preserve the regulations on the media which, like the Constitution of the United States, give ballast to our civil society.

Thank you for your kind attention,
Simone Forti

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--- EarthLink: It's your Internet

From: Andrew Boyd
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 4 11 AM
Subject: vote on media consolidation

Dear Chairman Powell,

Please please allow more hearings on the fate of our public airwaves
Allowing a few corporate giants to control most of our media could be a
terrible disaster for our democracy

Thank you,

Andrew Boyd, MD
Cristal Weber

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Kapa'a, HI 96746

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: StevenWLeet@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, mcoops@fcc.gov, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 6:35 AM
Subject: media monopoly

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely
Steven W. Leet
Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887-1882

From: Robert Mosca
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 6:46 AM
Subject: Media

I have just recently learned that the FCC will allow consolidation of many forms of media. I don't see how this is in the public interest. It allows a few corporations to control the content of the media to their own benefit, not the public's. It also allows a few big corporations to control the agenda and gives them enormous political power that is not good for a democratic government.

Robert Mosca

From: BNFaulkner@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 7:13 AM
Subject: deregulation

Dear Mr. Powell,

I have questions and very deep concerns about the plan to deregulate telecommunications that is scheduled for a decision on June 2, 2003. Because it could further open the door for corporate abuse of media control (something that is already a problem-perhaps you should address THAT), and ultimately threaten democracy, I don't feel that enough study has been given to this change. Not enough citizens have yet heard about this impending decision or about its possible consequences. The decision must be delayed, and the issues should be discussed in public forum. The present course of action is not the way things should be done in a democracy.

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From: Charles E John
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8 05 AM
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CC: KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Richard Mason
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8:20 AM
Subject: don't relax broadcast rules

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Richard Mason
Oakland, Maine 04963

From: bernbilly@juno.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9:52 AM
Subject: Media in America

We are concerned that the consolidation of the media in America will lead to sterile, mindless programming, lacking any public service. Even now, one has only to see what has happened in radio around the country: the "play lists", required at monopoly-owned stations, dole out "fast-food" music, the same everywhere. Please do not allow a few owners to control TV and radio, while also owning other public information sources.

B & B Snovell, Williamsburg, VA

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